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Re: Exceptional Events Mitigation Plan for Doña Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 51.930, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) submits the enclosed dust mitigation plan (DMP) developed for high wind exceptional events in Doña Ana and Luna Counties.

These events recur annually in these counties causing exceedances of the 1987 PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). These exceedance data affect the regulatory determination that Luna and Doña Ana Counties attain the NAAQS and impact the classification of the Anthony PM₁₀ nonattainment area. NMED uses the Exceptional Events Rule (40 CFR Part 50.14) to ensure that a nonattainment designation or reclassification is not applied to areas where uncontrollable emissions cause or contribute to an exceedance of the NAAQS. To continue using the regulatory relief provided by the Exceptional Events Rule, the department developed this DMP.

If you or your staff have any questions or comments, please contact Kerwin Singleton of my staff at (505) 476-4350 or kerwin.singleton@state.nm.us.

Respectfully,

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Enc: High Wind Fugitive Dust Mitigation Plan – Doña Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico